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In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2000, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 8, 12 and 18 as follows.

Please note that all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

~~Sup~~ 1. (Twice Amended) A peripheral apparatus which has a power switch and which can be connected to a computer apparatus, comprising:

detecting means for detecting a voltage level of a signal line connected to a personal computer;

power supply control means for controlling a supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit for a predetermined period even when said power switch is off, in accordance with an output of said detecting means;

discriminating means for discriminating whether or not a communication request of a predetermined procedure has been received from the personal computer after the electric power

of the power source was supplied to the predetermined circuit by said power supply control means[, wherein said discriminating means detects the voltage level of the signal line connected to the personal computer and is powered by the personal computer via the same signal line]; and

control means for continuing the supply of the electric power from the power source once said discriminating means discriminates a presence of the communication request.

2. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detecting means detects a logic level of a data line arranged between the personal computer and said peripheral apparatus and said discriminating means detects the presence or absence of the communication request at the logic level detected by said detecting means.

3. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the data line and a power supply line are separately provided.

4. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said peripheral apparatus is an electronic camera.

5. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said discriminating means determined whether or not the electronic camera has been operated by an operator or controlled by the personal computer, and said control means executes a control in accordance with a result of the discrimination.

6. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said detecting means and discriminating means use the logic level transmitted through the data line as the power source.

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7. (Twice Amended) A camera which has a power switch and which can be connected to a computer apparatus, comprising:

recording means for recording a photographed image;

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detecting means for detecting a level of a data line which is connected to a personal computer;

discriminating means for judging whether or not an input signal is a predetermined first command from the personal computer[, wherein said discriminating means detects the voltage level of the data line connected to the personal computer and is powered by the personal computer via the same data line];

image output means for outputting image data recorded by said recording means to the personal computer; and control means for starting a supply of an electric power to said recording means and said image output means for a predetermined period even when said power switch is off according to a detection result of said detecting means, and then controlling the supply of the electric power according to a discrimination result of said discriminating means so as to continue the supply of the electric power once [the] a predetermined second command is discriminated by said discriminating means, after said first command is discriminated and to stop in the case where the predetermined second command is not discriminated by said discriminating means after said first command is discriminated.

8. (Amended) A camera according to Claim 7, wherein said detecting means detects [the level detected by said detecting means is] a logic level of the data line arranged between the personal computer and said camera and said discriminating means detects the presence or absence of a communication request at the logic level detected by said detecting means.

9. (Not Amended) A camera according to claim 7, wherein the data line and a line for the power supply are separately provided.

10. (Not Amended) A camera according to claim 7, wherein said recording means has a buffer for storing the photographed image information.

11. (Not Amended) A camera according to claim 7, wherein said detecting means and said discriminating means use the level transmitted through the data line as a power source.

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12. (Amended) A peripheral apparatus which has a power switch and which can be connected to a control apparatus via signal transmitting means comprising:

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discriminating means for discriminating whether or not a predetermined [request] first signal is received from said control apparatus[, wherein said discriminating means detects the signal level of said signal transmitting means connected to the control apparatus and is powered by the control apparatus via the same signal transmitting means]; and

control means for [controlling] starting supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit for a predetermined period once said discriminating means

discriminates a presence of the predetermined [request] first
signal even when said power switch is off, and then for
continuing supply of the electric power from said power source if
a predetermined second signal is received from said control
apparatus after receiving said predetermined first signal.

13. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said control apparatus comprises a computer.

14. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said transmitting means comprises at least one signal line.

15. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said discriminating means detects a predetermined combination of signal levels of said signal transmitting means is powered by the control apparatus via the same signal transmitting means.

16. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said predetermined circuit includes a camera circuit.

17. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said predetermined circuit includes an image pickup means.

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18. (Amended) A peripheral apparatus which has a power switch and which can be connected to a control apparatus via signal transmitting line comprising:

discriminating circuit for discriminating whether or not a predetermined [request] first signal is received from said control apparatus[, wherein said discriminating circuit detects the signal level of said signal transmitting line connected to the control apparatus and is powered by the control apparatus via the same signal transmitting line]; and

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control circuit for [controlling] starting supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit for a predetermined period once said discriminating circuit discriminates a presence of the predetermined [request] first signal even when said power switch is off, and then for continuing supply of the electric power from said power source if a predetermined second signal is received from said control apparatus after receiving said predetermined first signal.